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Dear U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe,

My family and I have signed this petition and we come from the UK. Concern for the wildlife and natural areas of the Earth has risen sharply as more and more exposure is given to the conduct of government agencies in different countries. Some of this conduct has been obviously influenced by those who have no concern for the survival of wildlife, or if they do, then it is to shoot it for sport or trophies. Others, are marginally successful at ranching on land that should be restored to nature. The USA has an obligation to the "conscious" world to set an example in the conservation of endangered species. In this case it is the Grizzly which has disappeared in various parts of the USA through hunting and habitat loss. Here is a chance to redeem some of the damage done to the Native Peoples, by respecting their wishes to discuss this matter, and somehow, for once, act in a positive way and ignore the influence of those of a destructive influence. We endorse all that follows.

I'm writing in support of a letter from the Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders Council urging you to delay any plans to remove federal protection from Yellowstone's grizzlies and instead attend a summit this summer, both to hear the tribes' opposition to stripping Endangered Species Act protection from grizzly bears and to show respect for their nations and cultures.

The tribes have a long-standing cultural connection to the region's grizzlies and deserve to be fully heard before any further steps are taken to strip away the bears' protections.

This request follows a Northern Cheyenne tribal representative being forcibly stopped from speaking by the state-federal grizzly bear committee when he attempted to announce the tribe's opposition to stripping protection from the species.

I'm urging you to put delisting plans for Yellowstone's grizzlies on hold and attend the tribal summit this summer as part of government-to-government consultation on this important issue.

Sincerely,
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